

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT, MARYLAND**

**Ordinance No.:** O-15-04  
**Introduced by:** City Council  
**Date Introduced:** January 5, 2015  
**First Reading:** January 5, 2015  
**Second Reading:** January 12, 2015  
**Date Adopted:** January 12, 2015  
**Date Effective:** February 9, 2015

**AN ORDINANCE concerning**

**CHAPTER 18 – ETHICS**

**FOR** the purpose of amending Chapter 18 – Ethics of the Code of the City of Seat Pleasant regarding the appointment and approval of members of the Ethics Commission in the event of a vacancy during any member’s term of office and generally relating to ethics in the City of Seat Pleasant.

**BY** amending Chapter 18 – Ethics  
Section 18-5 Ethics Commission  
Code of the City of Seat Pleasant (1994 Edition, as amended)

**SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SEAT PLEASANT CITY COUNCIL** that Chapter 18 (Ethics), § 18-5 of the Code of the City of Seat Pleasant (1994 Edition, as amended) be and it is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 18-5-. Ethics Commission.**

- A. There is a City of Seat Pleasant Ethics Commission that consists of five members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the City Council.
- (1) **UNCHANGED.**
- (2) **UNCHANGED.**

- (3) The Mayor shall, within 45 days of taking office, submit the names of five qualified candidates to the City Council for review and confirmation. The term of office of each member of the Commission shall be from the date of appointment until the termination of the term of office of the Mayor. ((A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which one's predecessor was appointed shall be appointed in the same manner as prescribed in Paragraph A(2) above and shall serve for the remainder of such term.)) IN THE EVENT ANY MEMBER VACATES HIS OR HER OFFICE PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF HIS OR HER TERM, THE MAYOR SHALL SUBMIT A PROPOSED QUALIFIED CANDIDATE WITHIN THIRTY BUSINESS DAYS TO BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT ITS NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. IF THE MAYOR DOES NOT SUBMIT SUCH A CANDIDATE, THEN THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT THREE PROPOSED QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT WITHIN 30 BUSINESS DAYS. THE CANDIDATE APPOINTED SHALL FILL THE REMAINDER OF HIS OR HER PREDECESSOR'S TERM.

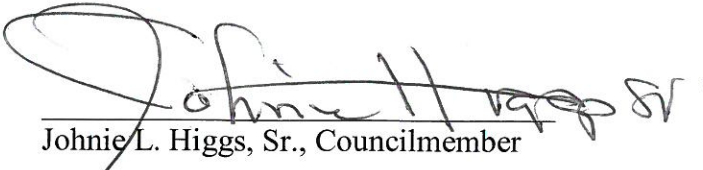
**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE SEAT PLEASANT CITY COUNCIL** that all other ordinances or parts of ordinances or provisions of the Code of the City of Seat Pleasant (1994 Edition, as amended) in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance or the property maintenance code adopted by this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE SEAT PLEASANT CITY COUNCIL** that the title of this Ordinance, or a condensed version thereof, shall be deemed to be, and is, a fair summary of this Ordinance for publication and all other purposes.

**SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE SEAT PLEASANT CITY COUNCIL** that, if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, it being the intent of the City Council that this Ordinance shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion hereof.


**SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE SEAT PLEASANT CITY COUNCIL** that the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance, and cause the same or, to the extent permitted by the Charter, a fair summary of the same, to be published as required by law, and that this Ordinance shall become effective at the expiration of twenty (20) days following approval by the Mayor or passage by the City Council over the Mayor's veto.

**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT**


  
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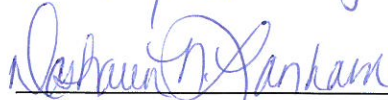
  
Reveral L. Yeargin, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**

  
Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC  
City Clerk

**APPROVED:**

This Ordinance was presented to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval pursuant to Section C-313 of the Charter for Seat Pleasant this 15th day January, 2015

  
Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC  
City Clerk

In accordance with Section C-313 of the Charter for Seat Pleasant, I hereby **(APPROVE)** **(DISAPPROVE)** of this Ordinance this Jan 15, 2015.

  
Eugene W. Grant, Mayor

**EXPLANATION:**

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

((Double Parenthesis)) indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike Out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.